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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: DECODING APPARATUS AND DECODING METHOD

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 52 pages, including 8 independent claims and 18 claims total.
2. Drawings - 9 sheets of formal drawings containing 10 figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. ✓ Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba.
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Basic Application Filing Fee	Number of Claims	Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	18	-	20	x \$18	
Independent Claims	8	-	3	5	x \$80 400.00
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-092163, filed March 29, 2000 and Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-071358, filed March 14, 2001.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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